

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

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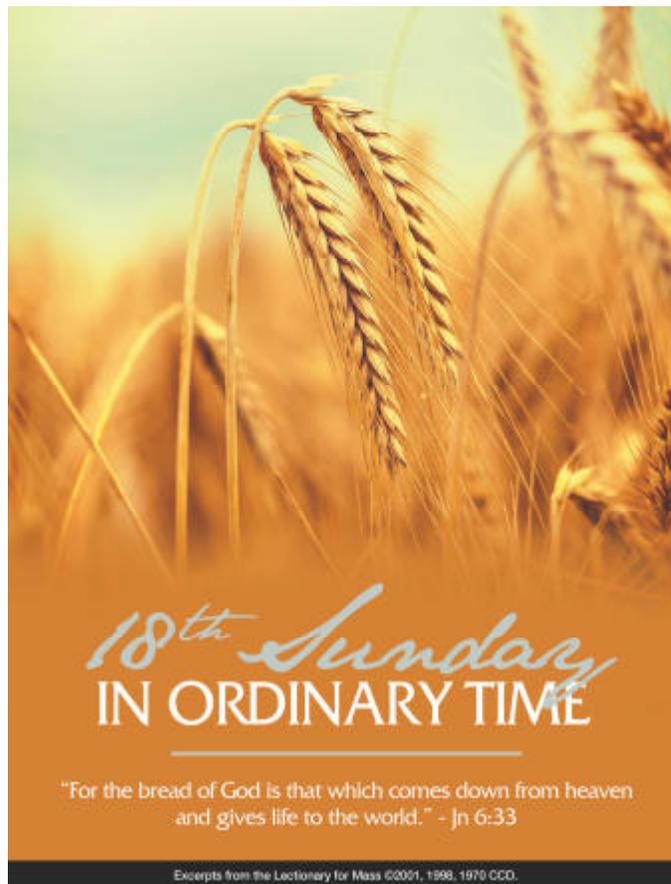
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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: Vigil, 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am
Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3pm to 3:40pm
Regularly scheduled confessions are available in the Confessionals in the Church. Parishioners are asked to wear a mask due to the proximity of penitent and priest while in Confession

Baptisms

First Sunday of the month at 12:30pm
Please call the office to make arrangements.

Marriage

Congratulations!
Notice of intent eight months in advance.

Rosary

Monday-Friday, 7:35am



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

July 31-August 1

Sat 4pm Donna Carroll
 Sun 8am Ryan Winston
 9:30am Mary Sekerak
 11am Catherine Byrne

August 2-6

Mon 8am For the Parish
 Tues 8am Debbie Gomes
 Wed 8am Margaret, Milton, Childs and Jim VanDuser
 Thurs 8am Blasdel Reardon
 Fri 8am Celeste "Elizabeth" O'Keeffe and Richard O'Keeffe

August 7-8

Sat 4pm Lawrence Burke
 Sun 8am Ann Regan and Francis X. Bellotti, Jr. and Charles Carline
 9:30am Jane Powers
 11am Matthew R. Bigwood

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

July 31-August 1

Sat 4:30pm Steve Farrow
 Sun 7am Eileen Reardon
 9am Robert Daly
 11am Theresa Emond
 5:30pm Paul G. Kirk

August 2-7

Mon 9am Steve Farrow
 Tues 9am Frank Bowen
 Wed 9am Preston Davis
 Thurs 9am For the Intention of Bill Gill
 Fri 9am Stephen Gavin
 Sat 9am Community Mass
 John and Eleanor Bergin, Carmel and John O'Neil, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith

August 7-8

Sat 4:30pm Dorothy Bailey
 Sun 7am Helen Sandorse
 9am Joao and Mana Sousa
 11am Virginia Lefter and L.J. Lefter
 5:30pm Edward Laviviere

OUR LADY OF HOPE

July 31-August 1

Sat 4pm Ed Zeglen
 Sun 10am Paul Lynch

August 7-8

Sat 4pm Margaret Paulin Bruce
 Sun 10am

ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We are blessed at Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Victory and at Our Lady of Hope to have thoughtful, generous parishioners who support the good works of our faith community with their time, talent and treasure. Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment to our Parishes.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 1: Peter's Pence collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world-those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters.

August 8: The funds collected will be used towards the **Diocesan Assessment**. The monthly Assessment for OLV is \$9498; OLH: \$526 and OLA: \$4288.

Electronic Giving

We understand this is a challenging time. If your means allow and you would like to mail your offering to the parish office, we are still checking our mail each day. We are also pleased to offer WeShare as a method to contribute electronically.

Visit our website:

<https://www.assumption-capecod.org/>
 and see link to the We Share at the bottom of the homepage. *Thank you.*



Kindly remember in your prayers the recently deceased and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Dennis Joseph Mayne

*Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us every day;
 Unseen, unheard, but always near,
 They are always in our hearts, so dear.*

Beloved Parishioners,

I have been here in our Lady of Victory, Our Lady of Assumption and Our Lady of Hope for the last 16 months. My stay here has been a wonderful experience. I did not imagine that the reality of being separated from these loving communities would be like leaving home. Leaving a church family is no small matter. Immersed in this reality, I want to thank you for the many ways you received and loved me as your priest.

As I leave, I look back on our time and work together and say it was good to be with you all. Whether I have ever met you individually or encountered you in the congregation, at daily Masses or weekend Masses, a funeral Mass, or at Easter or Christmas, I want to say thank you for trusting me and appreciating my priestly ministry. Your faith and love inspired and challenged me to become a better priest and a better person.

During the last 16 months of my stay here, I have learned how to be a priest for three communities that are dynamically different. I have learned how to be a priest for all the quiet, active, and cheerful parishioners. I don't know how much I have contributed to you from my part through my priestly ministry, but I can tell you that I have received a lot from you. BIG THANKS FOR THE SAME. Every time I visited hospitals or nursing homes and administered the Sacrament of Anointing to the sick and the last rights to the dying, I had the opportunity to meet you personally and it gave me the immense satisfaction of reaching out to you in the neediest time.

I can say only one thing: Faith has been alive in our three communities and many of you have been a channel of faith. Thank you for inspiring me so much.

Finally, you have been a blessing to me for the past 16 months. Thank you for loving, challenging, and encouraging me the way you did. I will always keep the memories of my work with you alive, and when I pray, I will pray for you. I will never forget you.

Dear friends, I love you all and I will surely miss you.

“May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other.”
(Gen. 31: 49 NIV)

Let us not say goodbye but rather let us say, “SEE YOU ONCE AGAIN.”

Thank you all,

Rev. Sudhir Nayak

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.

Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites.

Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp.

In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground.

On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was.

But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters:

I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Verse

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life;

whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

St. Thomas Aquinas Prayer After Communion

I thank You, Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, for having been pleased, through no merit of mine, but of Your great mercy alone, to feed me, a sinner, and Your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but for my pardon and salvation.

Let this Holy Communion be to me an armor of faith and a shield of good will, a cleansing of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires. May it increase love and patience, humility and obedience, and all virtues. May it be a firm defense against the evil designs of all my visible and invisible enemies, a perfect quieting of all the desires of soul and body. May this Holy Communion bring about a perfect union with You, the one true God, and at last enable me to reach eternal bliss when You will call me. I pray that You bring me, a sinner, to the indescribable Feast where You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, are to Your saints true light, full blessedness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summer Schedule

Through September 5, 2021

Our Lady of Victory

Sat 4:30PM
Sunday 7:00AM, 9:00AM,
11:00AM and 5:30 PM

Our Lady of Hope

Sat 4:00PM Sunday 10:00

Our Lady of the Assumption

Sat 4:00PM
Sunday 8:00AM, 9:30AM and 11:00AM

Confessions

Regularly scheduled confessions are available in the Confessionals in the Church.

Parishioners are asked to wear a mask due to the proximity of penitent and priest while in Confession.

OLA Confessions

Saturdays from 3pm to 3:40pm

OLV Confessions

Saturdays after the 9am Mass and from 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Support Group Meetings—One Day at a Time

AA Meetings— **Our Lady of the Assumption Church Basement:** Sun. and Wed., 7pm; Sun., 5:30pm/Beginner Mtg

AA Meetings—**Our Lady of Victory - L.C.**
Monday – Saturday, 7:30am
Saturday, 7:30pm

AA Meetings—**Our Lady of Hope**
Monday, 7pm
Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30pm

NA Meeting—**Our Lady of Victory**
Friday, 7:30pm

Family of Faith Mission

We invite everyone to join us at a mini mission, “Family of Faith” that will be given by Fr. Jim Phalan, C.S.C. of the Fr. Peyton Center at Stonehill College.

The mini Mission, “Family of Faith” will be offered, **Wednesday-Friday, August 11-13**, 6:30pm-7:30pm within Mass at Our Lady of Victory.

Fr. Jim will also celebrate the 9am at OLV on those days with a short Homily. Fr. Jim is well known to us at OLV as he was a member of the Parish before entering the Holy Cross Fathers.

We invite everyone to come and take part in this wonderful opportunity!



Welcome Back Celebration Continues

After the Mission, the Celebration continues....

At **Our Lady of Victory**, the celebration will be on Saturday, **August 14** from 11am to 2pm on the Parish grounds with a cookout and fun for the little ones. There will also be an opportunity to register for GIFT.

Join us for lunch under the tent at **Our Lady of the Assumption!** The welcome back celebration will be on Sunday, **August 15**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption. This is the annual celebration of the Parish on the lawn after the 11am Mass.

While these two gatherings are to Welcome Back everyone to Parish life, both will also be a **Farewell to Fr. Gill and Fr. Sudhir**. Stop by at either day to wish them well in their new assignments and to thank both of them for being with us when we were in need. Both parishes owe them a great debt of gratitude.

TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH!

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Aug 01, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In it to win it?

Quid pro quo sounds like a pretty good deal. "This for that": the time-honored barter in which we swap resources or labor for room and board, if not a bit more. Consumer culture initiates all of us into the pursuit of the best trade. No surprise that early followers of Jesus imagined they were swapping their attention to his teaching for free food and even better opportunities down the road. Jesus seeks friends who share his vision, not churchgoers hoping for a celestial deal. When it comes to the religion quest, what's in it for you?

"You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

Reading for the Week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Monday, Aug 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

The communion of saints awaits you

Saint Peter Julian Eymard was a 19th-century French priest with a devotion to the Eucharist. He founded two religious institutes with a focus on Eucharistic Adoration: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for men and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women. The former prepared children for their First Communion and reached out to lapsed Catholics to bring them back to receiving Communion. He famously said, "You take Communion to become holy, not because you already are." Perhaps you spent some time away from the Eucharist because of the pandemic. No matter how long you are apart, Christ eagerly awaits your return.

"He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples."

Tuesday, Aug 03, 2021

We're in the same boat

The "Barque (boat) of Saint Peter" is one of the oldest symbols of the Catholic Church. Early church fathers, like Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria, compared the church to a sailing vessel. Saint Boniface wrote: "The church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course." As Peter learned, the trick is to place our trust in Jesus. Pray for Pope Francis—successor to Peter—that he can guide the church through today's troubled waters.

"Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."

Wednesday, Aug 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Ministry for the ministers

The unique lives of Catholic priests and religious sometimes give rise to stressful times and difficult transitions that need the help of a healing hand. The Saint John Vianney Center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania serves Catholic clergy and religious struggling with behavioral and emotional issues, addictive and compulsive disorders, weight management, and other challenging issues that arise during their vocational journeys. The JVC employs modern therapeutic support along with traditional prayer, spiritual practices, and the intercession of today's saint to restore these dedicated men and women to active and fruitful ministry. Pray for your religious sisters and brothers, priests, deacons, and bishops. They need your love. "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

I AM COME
that they
might have *Life*
and that they might have it
MORE
Abundantly

JOHN 10:10

Thursday, Aug 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR

Legend-worthy Madonna

Legend has it that a freak snowstorm in August was a sign that urged a Christian couple to build an enormous Roman church dedicated to the Virgin: the Basilica of Mary Major, founded in the 400s. Yet this story is like many others that church historians call “legends.” Our legends are not to be disdained; they usually uphold truths as interesting as the facts. In this case, the larger truth is that Mary is a key member of the communion of saints who helps us on our path to God. During this month when Mary is particularly venerated, ask for her intercession.

Friday, Aug 06, 2021

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Shhh . . .

“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply,” says leadership guru Stephen Covey. **When we fail to listen, we miss the messages necessary for growth in ourselves and others.** Listening builds a well of wisdom that helps the listener and the speaker get to know themselves better. “Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality,” says Henri Nouwen, and Pope Francis calls listening a form of “self-sacrifice” as we put another person above ourselves and “share questions and doubts.” God commanded Jesus’ disciples to listen to him. We are called to do the same. “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Saturday, Aug 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

The courage to teach

Today's teachers have a tough job (which the pandemic only made more difficult). But imagine risking your life to teach about your faith. That's how it was "back in the day." In the year 258, Roman soldiers burst into the room where Sixtus was teaching, dragged him from the chair, and was killed. Six deacons joined him in martyrdom that day. Many bishops, priests, and deacons were murdered during that persecution by the Roman Emperor Valerian. Next time you're in the pew, find Sixtus in Eucharistic Prayer I, the first one printed in your missalette. He's in the list that includes “Linus, Cletus, Clement,” and other notables of the early church. When you get to the name Sixtus II, pause and remember his courageous sacrifice to pass on the faith. “[I]f you have faith the size of a mustard seed Nothing will be impossible for you.”

From Rome With Love

During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.

#GospelOfTheDay Mk 6:30-34

@Pontifex July 18, 2021



Please Pray For A Priest Each Day

Lord God, Let us pray that our gratitude for those in ordained life may inspire us to serve with open hearts.



August 1: All Redemptorist Priests

August 2: Rev. Gerald Barnwell

August 3: Pope Francis

August 4: All Parish Priests

August 5: Bishop Edgar da Cunha, SDV

August 6: Rev. Martin Buote

August 7: Very Rev. Jeffrey Cabral

The Green Team

There's always a long list of jobs to do, and caring for your lawn can be expensive and time consuming. While some prefer to dump nasty chemicals in their yard to keep it looking good, that's hardly environmentally-friendly – not to mention, safe for kids and pets. All lawns require regular upkeep to help them stay in tip-top condition; the main treatments you should be carrying out are easy to undertake but need to be applied during the proper seasons.

Spiking is the process of aerating lawns in order to improve drainage and air circulation; this can be carried out by simply jabbing the lawn all over with a garden fork or by using a special tool such as a rolling spiker. Some spikers include hollow tines which lift out plugs of earth to further aid drainage and aeration. This is especially important if your lawn is prone to flooding and it should ideally be carried out in the autumn before the heavy rains begin to take their toll.

Scarifying is the process of raking dead moss and grass from your lawn's surface. Without scarifying, lawns can suffer from a lack of sunlight as the dead grass and moss prevents the light reaching all of the grass.

Source: Greener Ideal





**Our Men and Women
in the Service**

Our parishes pray for those currently serving, at home and abroad, in the military.

Captain Matthew R. Lutch, USMC
 Pvt. Jack DeLorey
 RCT Patrick MacNeely
 Warrant Officer Matthew Plicque, USA
 2nd Lt Peter Murphy, Airborne
 Chaplain Bob Monagle
 Capt. Billy Murphy, USN
 Cpl. Patrick J. Kelley
 LCpl Andrew J. Kelley
 LCPL Robert Connolly IV
 Captain Sean P. Kelley, USN
 PFC William Russell Perry
 Sgt. Jacob W. Morash
 Capt. Jared A. Ripperger
 PFC Cory Briggs
 Lt. Kalen Kropa
 Capt. Michael Mayo Taylor, USA
 Brig. General Benjamin T. Watson, USMC
 Major John B. VanderVoort
 PFC Tim Strong, USN
 LCDR Conor O'Neil
 1st Lt. Hannah E. MacLeod-Pryg USA
 1st Lt. Lucas Pryg, USA
 Warrant Officer Steve
 Capt. Matthew Antil Goodwin, USMC
 2nd Lt Thomas O. Mullen, USAF
 Staff Sgt. Joseph Moore
 Pvt. Jake Bryan, USA
 SO1 Michael Reeves USN
 CO Rusty Williamson, USN
 Cpl Alexander Kelsall, USA
 Capt. Michael D. Crowley, USMC
 Capt. Christopher Roy
 SPC Tucker McLoughlin, USA
 Lt. Robert Havens, USAF
 Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Noddin Poulin, USN

Lt. Katherine Noddin Poulin, USN
 Lt. Stephen Noddin Poulin, USA
 Spc. Brooks Noddin Poulin, USA
 Lt. Cmdr. Catherine Long, USN
 Matthew Tutunjian, CG
 QM2 Daniel-Lee Searfoss, USN
 Pvt Louis Barrett
 Pvt 1st Class Michael Bilodeau, USM
 LT Marius Bernotas, USN
 ENS Andrius Bernotas, USN
 Capt. Tyler Jean Nauss, USA
 Capt. Sean Villano, USAF
 Capt. Jonathan S. DeMille, USA
 Sgt. Evan Salvaggio USA
 2nd Lt. Liam G. Furey, USA
 Spec 4 Charles Furey, National Guard, USA
 Capt. Matthew Cavanaugh, USA
 Maj. Dennis Williams, USA
 1st Lt. Ian Horkan, USA
 Colonel Paul J. Nugent, USMC
 Capt. Justin M. D'Olimpio USAF
 Maj. Andrew Ryan Wing, USMC
 Cpl. Brian J. Sullivan, USMC



To add a loved one or to let us know when they are no longer serving:
kim@olvparish.org

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parishes



Rose Farrow
 Peter Brady
 Nancyjane Fox
 Chris Gallagher
 Mark Garafano
 Lorraine Gregoire
 Robert Gregoire
 Barbara Korkuch
 Paul Lawson
 Brenda Liakos
 Barbara MacLean
 Brad Martin
 Griffin "Finn" David Munsell
 Patricia O'Connell
 Victoria Whalen
 Beatrice Savio
 Fred Williams

All Members of the Cancer Support Group

If you or your immediate family member need to be added to the list or removed, please contact, kim@olvparish.org. Additions to "Our Sick" list will be printed for three months.

*Almighty and Eternal God,
 You are the everlasting health of those
 who believe in You.*

*Hear us for Your sick servants for who we implore the
 aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily
 health, they may give thanks to You in Your Church.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER SHAWL REQUEST

If you wish to request a prayer shawl, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket. You may also contact Priscilla DeLeon-Vinson at 774-836-8030 or pdv@comcast.net



Name of recipient: _____

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Phone number needed for delivery of Prayer Shawl.



Welcome

We welcome the following children into our faith family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Lucy L'Ecuyer McSweeney
Logan Maxwell Pitcher
Delaney Josephine Pitcher
Elise Seren Zambero
Tessa Mary Calder
Clarke James Kenary
June Beverly Kenary
Everett George Paver
Margot Elizabeth Paver
Blake Logan Amick
Brielle Elizabeth Amick
Jackson Jeffrey Girard*

May they grow in their awareness of the Lord's great love for them and celebrate that love in the Lord's family.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale at OLV

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 2525 and the disadvantaged children that we serve, we wish to extend a very special "Thank You" to all who contributed during the Tootsie Roll drive conducted after the OLV Masses last weekend.

Youth Altar Servers

We are going to start up youth Altar Servers at OLV/OLH. We will be having a review, training session, and ice cream social on **August 6th at 6pm**. This is for veteran servers as well as new servers. We will start in the church and then move to the parish office. Anyone who has received their First Communion can be an Altar Server. Please RSVP to Billb@olvparish.org

Faith in Action Opportunity:

Ministry of Hope at OLA and OLV

Are you looking for a way to serve your brothers and sisters in faith? Please consider joining our *Ministry of Hope*. You'll meet with families who have experienced a loss to help them plan a meaningful funeral for their loved one, and attend the funeral to assist as a greeter. Training is provided. Please contact Kelley at kjs@olvparish.org or 508.775.5744 x113 or Gillie at OLA, 508-428-2011, for more information.

OLV Anointing of the Sick: First Fridays

Anointing of the Sick will resume on the first Friday of each month at Our Lady of Victory, following 9:00am Mass. August 6 is a First Friday.

Knights of Columbus: Dump Recycling

K of C Council 2525 is doing the **Bottle/Can Recycling** at the Town of Barnstable Town Transfer Station during the month of August. This is the Knights biggest fundraiser of the year. Please help us by recycling your returnable bottles and cans at the Town Dump recycling Building in August. We appreciate your help and thank you in advance for supporting our many causes. If anyone would like to help us sort returnables, please call Don Colebourn at 508-771-3251 for scheduling opportunities.

Pavers For St. Clare's Garden

The St. Clare's Memorial Peace Garden at OLV was dedicated in memory of Mary P. Lees. St. Clare was a beautiful Italian noble woman who became the Foundress of an order of nuns now called Poor Clare Sisters. When she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach, her heart burned with a great desire to imitate Francis in serving God by living a poor humble life for Jesus. So one evening she ran away from home, and in a little chapel outside Assisi, gave herself to God.



Statues of both St. Clare and St. Francis are installed in the garden. Pavers in the Garden can be purchased "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" a loved one. Consider purchasing one as a thoughtful gift. Pavers are \$125 for 6x6 size and \$150 for the 6x9 size. Donation forms can be filled out in the OLV Parish Office during normal business hours. We hope the garden serves as a place for quiet reflection and prayer.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

One-day retreat on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver, MA and the second is a Weekend Spiritual Retreat on November 5-7, 2021 at the Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA.

Additional information is available on the following website www.emfgp.org or anyone interested can call 800-919-9332.

Rosary Found

A set of Rosary beads were found in the OLV parking lot, near the fish pond. Please contact Kim, 508-775-5744 x129.

Adoration at St. Francis Xavier Church

Join us Monday through Friday, Noon to 3pm for Adoration. All are welcome. 19 Cross St., Hyannis.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing,



drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That

is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as we . A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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